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Spirit of inquiry, discovery on view at undergraduate research symposium

BGSU students demonstrated once again this year that undergraduate research is thriving at the University. The second annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research April 20 drew faculty, staff and visiting members of the Ohio Board of Regents to view and discuss about 50 projects currently under way.

"It is truly inspiring to see and to hear firsthand the scholarly creative activities of our undergraduate students," said Dr. John Farver, director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "It speaks volumes to the caliber of our students and the dedication of our faculty mentors. We more than doubled—from 32 to 69—the number of student participants in this the second annual symposium, and I anticipate continued growth as more students take advantage of the many opportunities for undergraduate research and creative activities at BGSU."

Winning the Sigma Xi individual Outstanding Presentation awards this year were Laren Conklin, Debbi Maury and James Verhoff.

Conklin, a senior psychology major from Massillon, works with Dr. Devin McAuley, who addresses basic research questions about the nature of human time and rhythm perception and normal developmental changes that occur across the lifespan. Conklin's project looks at the phenomenon known as "change deafness," in which listeners are unable to detect changes in speakers, to see if it also occurs when listening to melodies. The results of the study will provide insight into the similarities between speech and music perception.

Maury is a senior psychology/neuroscience major from Celina studying with Dr. Vern Bingman, who is exploring the role of the brain's hippocampus region in memory and spatial navigation. Maury's research, with collaborator Thomas Fuchs, looks at whether auditory events are registered and encoded in the hippocampuses of homing pigeons, becoming part of the memory. The results suggest that avian memory may be more similar to human memory than thought, and could hold clues to how information becomes stored in the brain.

Verhoff, a senior from Columbus Grove majoring in geology with an emphasis in paleobiology, is correlating modern lobsters' form and structure to their diet and the depth of their habitat in an effort to determine what caused the dramatic drop-off of lobster diversity at the end of the Cretaceous period. He is the student of Dr. Peg Yacobucci.

Jennifer Marlin, a senior from Antwerp majoring in music education, was among those receiving honorable mention from Sigma Xi, the scientific research honorary. She is working with Dr. Joyce Eastlund Gromko, music education, on a study of aural perception that could have implications for early reading skills. She tested the ways in which a group of elementary school children perceived pitch, rhythm and discrete sounds—such as the "p" in pin—as well as nonsense word fluency, and found a correlation between pitch discrimination and reading tests.

"It's the most exciting finding so far," Marlin said, adding she hopes to continue her research in graduate school here next year.

Team awards presented

Sigma Xi also presented team awards to two groups. The first comprises students Matthew Brinkman, Jessica Heintzelman, Jill Laisure, Ann Szczepanik and Cynthia Toth, all working in the lab of Dr. Ron Woodruff. They are looking for possible genetic damage caused by the drug Ritalin®, which is widely used to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. So far, no significant increase in damage to genes has been found in the *Drosophila Melanogaster*, or fruit flies, in the study.

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The second team is made up of neurobiology majors Brittany Raburn and Jon Patterson, who work with Dr. Paul Moore, biological sciences. Their study focuses on the relationship between serotonin in the systems of crayfish and aggression and dominance. While the research showed that the presence of serotonin definitely increased the crustaceans' aggressiveness, it has not led to their being more dominant.

Historical perspective

The social sciences were also well represented at the symposium. Among the presenters was senior Theresa Tesno, a German/Russian major with a minor in political science. She analyzed and compared U.S. and Soviet newspaper accounts of the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals.

"People forget that the main judge at the trials was from the Soviet Union," said Tesno. The Soviets, who had suffered occupation by the Germans and tremendous losses during the war, followed the trials closely, she found, and newspapers reported on both the morning and evening sessions of the proceedings. However, unlike the New York Times, which tended to propagandize the events in its articles, "the Soviet papers were very factual in their coverage and seemed to have more weight due to their restraint," she found. Tesno, from Montezuma, Ohio, hopes to teach English in Japan after graduation.

To find out more about undergraduate research at BGSU, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/our/index.htm>.

New dean named for College of Business Administration

Dr. Rodney K. Rogers of Portland State University has been appointed dean of the College of Business Administration, Provost John Folkins has announced.

The appointment is effective July 31.

Rogers, who received his MBA at BGSU in 1981, is currently associate dean and director for academic programs in Portland State University's School of Business Administration.

Folkins describes Rogers as a strong leader who will help broaden the college's engagement activities with local, regional and national communities as well as take the lead on raising funds for new initiatives. "Dr. Rogers has demonstrated the ability to be a change agent for the college through his innovative and forward thinking," Folkins said.

Rogers said he was attracted to BGSU because of the business college's fine reputation and President Sidney Ribeau's vision for the University to be engaged in the greater community. "Engagement is critical for the university of the 21st century," Rogers said, adding, "I am looking forward to engaging the college with the business community and working with alumni."

Rogers, who grew up in Kenton, Ohio, earned a bachelor's degree in 1980 from Ohio Northern University, where he majored in accounting and music. He completed a doctorate in accountancy at Case Western Reserve University in 1996.

A member of Portland State's accounting faculty since 1995, he has served as an administrator in the School of Business Administration there since 2001. As associate dean, he has led curriculum revisions, established new programs and boosted private support for the school.

His accomplishments include major revision and implementation of the master of business administration program, resulting in a competency-based program that focuses on innovation and the regional economy; creation of a honors program for undergraduate business students; revision of the master of science in financial analysis, and reorganization of student-services areas to provide a holistic approach to academic and career advising.

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Rogers also helped establish several faculty fellowships and was responsible for more than tripling annual giving to the accounting program between 2000 and 2005.

In addition to his work at Portland State, he was a visiting research fellow at the Cranfield School of Management in the United Kingdom from 2001-04, and a visiting faculty member at EuroMed-Marseille, Ecole de Management, in Marseille, France, during the summers of 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Before moving to Portland, he taught at Case Western and Ohio Northern universities. He was a certified public accountant in the Toledo office of Arthur Young & Co. (now Ernst & Young) from 1981-85 and as a sole-practitioner from 1985-91.

Rogers has published numerous professional articles and given presentations at professional conferences. He also has served as an ad hoc reviewer for Critical Perspectives on Accounting, Accounting and the Public Interest, Contemporary Accounting Research and Accounting, Management and Information Technologies, and has been a reviewer for national meetings of the American Accounting Association.

At Bowling Green, Rogers succeeds Dr. Nancy Merritt, a marketing faculty member and associate dean for undergraduate studies in the college, who has served as interim dean during the past year.

BGSU to develop Institute for Early Childhood and Family Policy

The Ohio Department of Education's Center for Students, Families and Communities has awarded the College of Education and Human Development a \$180,000 subsidy grant to develop an Institute for Early Childhood and Family Policy.

The new institute will assist in the creation of policy and best-practice models that effectively address the needs of children and families. Development of the institute will begin in May.

Dr. Josué Cruz Jr., dean of the education college, will serve as interim director for the institute. Drs. Randall Leite and Laura Landry-Meyer, both faculty in the human development and family studies program in the college's School of Family and Consumer Sciences, will be associate directors.

"I am so pleased with the work of Dr. Leite and Dr. Landry-Meyer toward the creation of the institute," said Cruz. "The Institute for Early Childhood and Family Policy represents the first program in Ohio aimed at providing explicit, nonpartisan child-and-family policy research, analysis and recommendations to legislators, legislative staff, state agency personnel and education and social service professionals throughout the state."

Cruz, a former Fulbright scholar, has done extensive research in early childhood education and development. He is president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is on the advisory boards of Nick Jr. magazine and Bright Horizons Family Solutions.

Leite has conducted research on outcomes associated with various child and family policies. He is also a member of the public policy committee for the National Council on Family Relations.

Landry-Meyer has conducted research aimed at forming family policy and, ultimately, social service practice in Ohio. She has been involved in research and statewide policy related to grandparents raising grandchildren and kinship caregiving.

The new institute will serve as a clearinghouse for policy research and recommendations and will maintain affiliations with researchers at BGSU as well as other institutions throughout Ohio.

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First graduate of BGSU-Lorain County CC program returns to roots

Who would have thought parasites could be so much fun?

Angela Maziarz (may-zee-arz) doesn't think she would have without a BGSU program that reunited her with her first academic love.

At May 20 commencement ceremonies at Lorain County Community College, the Elyria resident will become the first graduate of the bachelor of science in biology degree program offered by BGSU at the community college. The program was created through a partnership between the two institutions, with classes offered through distance-learning technology as well as in person.

Maziarz, 34, first heard about the partnership from Daisie Reish, for whom she works part time as an accountant assistant at Reish Accounting Services in Grafton. "She knew accounting was not my life goal," the 1990 Midview High School graduate recalled.

"I had my associate degree in science (from LCCC) and after a few unsuccessful job changes and job layoffs, I thought I'd go back to where I started, in biology," said Maziarz, who also keeps the books for CommTech Solutions in Grafton.

Before going back to school, she was office manager at Seventh Generation, a nonprofit environmental awareness organization where she worked for five years before its funding dried up. Then, after nine months as volunteer services secretary at Elyria Memorial Hospital, the department was merged into the hospital's marketing department, and she was out of a job again.

"I was really in the middle of not knowing what I was going to do" when Reish mentioned the new BGSU-LCCC program in 2003, Maziarz said. "I looked into it and said, 'Why not?'"

"I think I was a little nervous about it, but I had a lot of help," she added. Reish worked around Maziarz's class schedule, while her parents and husband helped with other home work such as babysitting their son and daughter.

And family members weren't the only supportive ones along the way. "All the BG and LCCC teachers and staff, and especially Dr. (Daniel) Pavuk, were extremely helpful in keeping me motivated, on the right track, and challenged," Maziarz said.

Pavuk, biological sciences, was the program's first adviser on Bowling Green's end. He also taught Maziarz's parasitology class, which she initially thought would be "gross" and didn't want to take. However, "about halfway through, I realized this was cool, and I really liked it," she said, describing parasites as "amazing creatures."

Calling Maziarz "an outstanding student," Pavuk said "she's a good example of the type of student (in the program generally) and the desire to get the degree." She was part of a small group of initial enrollees in the program, which has grown to 29 registered students this semester, noted Dr. Marcia Salazar-Valentine, associate dean of off-campus and summer programs in Continuing and Extended Education (CEE) at BGSU.

The collaboration with LCCC responds to a state and national need for expanded science education "by building on the shared vision and combined strengths of both institutions," said Dr. William Balzer, associate BGSU vice president and dean of CEE, which provides administrative support to the program.

"BGSU has been very pleased with the success of its program, thanks to the talents and expertise of faculty and staff on both campuses," Balzer said. The University plans to bring an environmental studies program to LCCC soon and hopes to add other bachelor's degree completion programs there in the future, according to the dean.

Armed with her bachelor's degree, Maziarz hopes to work with parasites and epidemics,

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possibly within a county health department. She is currently awaiting a call about a possible internship with the Lorain County General Health District.

"Without the partnership, I would not have realized how much I am fascinated by parasites and re-realized my love for biology," she said. Without the BGSU-LCCC pairing, she continued, "there would have been very little chance for me to get my degree and a career in a field that I love."

"Maybe it's fate," she added, reflecting on an academic and employment journey that has brought her back where she started—working on environmental issues. "It's where I'm supposed to be."

Perseverance pays off for nontraditional BGSU graduate

John Haver Jr. says he lost his focus on school during his junior year at BGSU. That was in 1978, when the North Royalton native embarked on a career as a journeyman tool and die/mold maker.

But in 1999, a tuition reimbursement program offered by his then-employer, Whirlpool Corp., brought Haver back to BGSU. Taking classes ever since, he will receive a bachelor's degree in technology on May 6—nearly 31 years after he first came to campus.

"I wanted to finish my degree, set an example for my kids," explains Haver, 55, now a rural Custar resident and tool room manager at Defiance Stamping Co. He and his wife, Kathleen, have a son, 16, and two daughters, 15 and 10.

After graduating from North Royalton High School in 1969, he entered the work force, then, in 1972, the Army, where he spent three years. Leaving the service in January 1975, he spent one quarter at Ohio Northern University before transferring to BGSU, where the cost, he recalled, was \$27 per credit hour.

Haver started his schooling in industrial education but moved into technology when he returned because Whirlpool's reimbursement program paid only for business-related courses. He was somewhat "terrified" at first, he said, and many of his credits from the 1970s were obsolete. But his work experience in the intervening years helped earn him waivers in a couple classes, and taking others one at a time in the semesters and summers since 1999 has brought him to the doorstep of a degree.

"I'm sure they'll be glad to get rid of me," joked Haver, who will graduate during 1 p.m. ceremonies May 6 in Anderson Arena, in BGSU's Memorial Hall. He plans to remain at Defiance Stamping afterward but will also start teaching his trade part time at Northwest State Community College in Archbold.

Daylong campus institute to explore women's leadership

The Northwest Ohio Women's Leadership Institute, to be held May 11, will examine issues surrounding women as leaders, whether in the workplace, community, academia or the political arena.

Through sessions on women in business and the academy, and on negotiating for leadership and leadership vs. power, the conference will explore issues and perceptions surrounding women's leadership; choices and tradeoffs they face juggling personal and professional objectives, and strategies for overcoming obstacles to women defining and claiming leadership on their own terms.

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The conference, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union, is free and open to the public. To register, call 2-7540 by Friday (May 5).

The 9:15 a.m. keynote address will be given by Caryn McTighe Musil, senior vice president for diversity, equity and global initiatives and director of the program on the status and education of women at the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Debra McCurdy, newly appointed president of Rhodes State College in Lima, will give a second address, at 2:30 p.m. She holds three degrees from BGSU.

Other presenters will include representatives from the Northwest Ohio Small Business Development Center and BGSU's Office of Human Resources and Career Center.

Ohio Treasurer Jennette Bradley will welcome attendees at the luncheon, and comedian Mary Sobecki, who is also the associate program officer for the Needmor Fund, will provide entertainment.

The theme of the conference echoes that of BGSU's Women's History Month presentations in March. Women are frequently in leadership roles, and yet because their leadership styles may differ from men's, many of the strengths they bring to their roles may be masked by traditional concepts of leadership.

The session topics are the outgrowth of a series of community conversations initiated by the Women's Center in October 2005 between BGSU faculty and staff and community business representatives concerning opportunities and challenges for women's leadership. "Classified and administrative staff, faculty and the community really contributed to the conversations," said Women's Center Director Dr. Mary Krueger. "I was happy with the openness of the conversations and the way everyone embraced the opportunity."

In those discussions, "we found that many of the issues impacting advancement were similar, including work/life balance and limited opportunity for recognition and reward," said Dr. Kristine Blair, interim chair of the English department and one of the institute's organizers. "Our hope is that the institute will enable participants to establish campus and community benchmarks for professional advancement, including increased numbers of women as internal and external applicants for leadership positions, and more opportunities for recognizing the leadership capacity of women whether or not they hold positions of power."

In addition to Blair and Krueger, the planning committee includes Drs. Radhika Gajjala, interpersonal communication, and Jane Rosser, Partnerships for Community Action/Office of Service Learning.

Support for the institute comes from the offices of the president and executive vice president. "We are grateful to both the president and executive vice president for recognizing the importance of this issue," Blair said. The organizers hope the institute will become an annual event.

IN BRIEF**Finals week test-scanning hours announced**

Test-scanning hours for finals week (May 1-5) will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participants should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall for scanning.

2006 Tech Fair date announced

The BGSU Northwest Ohio Technology Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

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TECS applications now accepted

The Technology Enhanced Classroom Support (TECS) program is accepting applications from faculty members who would like assistance incorporating technology in their classrooms and course materials. Each semester, a TECS student is paired with a faculty member to complete a project enabling the use of technology to facilitate instruction.

For more information, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/studenttech/tecs/index.html>.

Blackboard upgrade scheduled for May 12 and 13

In order to facilitate an upgrade to Blackboard version 7, Blackboard will be unavailable from 6 a.m. May 12 through noon on May 13. During the outage, hardware will be replaced and software will be upgraded.

A Web page has been created to provide details regarding the upgrade. While the Blackboard interface will appear very much the same, additional software features will be available as a result of the upgrade. These features and a listing of hardware enhancements are detailed at <http://www.bgsu.edu/its/tsc/self-help/page18070.html>.

Faculty teaching the first summer session are encouraged to complete course materials prior to the upgrade. Work completed by that time will be transferred to the new version.

During the Blackboard outage period, access to MyServices applications will be maintained through the University portal (<https://my.bgsu.edu>). Users may access grades, rosters and other personal information by using the links in the left column.

Questions regarding the upgrade and outage may be directed to the Technology Support Center at tsc@bgsu.edu, 2-0999.

WBGU-PBS to air 'Our Community Cares' series

A new WBGU-PBS series, "Our Community Cares," is an outgrowth of the combined efforts of station staff members and local and regional community leaders, who came together in early February to respond to the pain and fears that resulted from a series of suicides in Bowling Green.

A continuing series of one-hour "Our Community Cares" programs will be broadcast live from the WBGU-PBS studio on Wednesdays at 10 p.m. beginning May 3. Viewers will learn what to expect if a loved one reaches out for emotional support and what they might do to support those who are at risk and may be resistant to seeking help.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 2

Dissertation Defense, "The Face Consistency and Embeddability of Fullerenes," by Douglas Puharic, 9 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Center Assembly Room.

Thursday, May 4

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Friday, May 5

Graduate College Commencement, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Saturday, May 6

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies, College of Arts and Sciences, 9:30 a.m.; colleges of Business Administration, Health and Human Services, and Technology, 1 p.m., and colleges of Musical Arts and Education and Human Development,

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4:30 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Sunday, May 7

Concert by pianist Patrick Sulken, 4 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Concert by winners of the 2006 Young Artist Competition, 6 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Continuing Events
May 1-5

Final Exam Week.

May 2 and 5

Planetarium Show, "Land of the Southern Cross," 8 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. \$1 donation suggested. Stargazing follows planetarium show if weather permits.

Through May 2

Art Exhibition, "Annual Student Exhibitions," Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through May 6

Art Exhibition, second Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Through May 6

Art Exhibition, "Cream of the Crop," award-winning art from the School of Art's Undergraduate Exhibit, Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

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Music Performance Studies. Instructor-oboe. Call William Mathis, 2-8066. Instructor-voice/opera coach. Call Christopher Scholl, 2-2287. The deadline to apply for both positions is June 1.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/>.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

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There were no obituaries this week.